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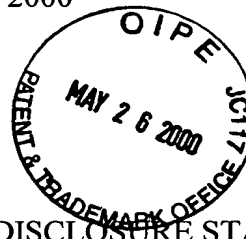


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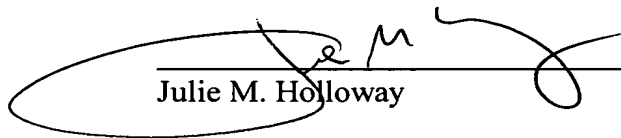
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement;
- ☒ List of References Cited;
- ☒ copies of references listed; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of Applicants or attorneys or agents for Applicants which are or may be material to the examination of the subject application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the accompanying revised PTO Form 1449 entitled "List of References Cited".

Identification of references listed on PTO Form 1449 is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants, or attorneys for Applicants, that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited." The right is reserved to antedate any item in accordance with standard procedure.

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Copies of each cited reference are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the attached references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Applicants believe that no fee is required with the submission of the enclosed List of References Cited because the IDS is filed within three months of the filing date of the application. However, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (9967-003-999) A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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